<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 12 to 14 and 26 to 28 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 15 and 29 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus capable of variable magnification processing of output information, comprising:

holding means for holding output images in a first size and output positions thereof, and holding output images in a second size and output positions thereof, <u>wherein each of said output images is expressed by a plurality of objects, and each of said objects is assigned rendering attributes corresponding to the size and the output positions</u>;

selection means for selecting a desired image from the output images held by said holding means, and designating an output size of the selected image;

generation means for generating an output image corresponding to the output size on the basis of a ratio of change in output image between the first and second sizes held by said holding means of the image selected by said selection means;

determination means for determining a rendering position of the output image corresponding to the output size on the basis of a ratio of change in output position between the first and second sizes held by said holding means of the image selected by said selection means; and

rendering means for rendering the output image generated by said generation means at the rendering position determined by said determination means;

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wherein said output image is comprised of more than one object, each object having a rendering attribute, and

wherein said rendering means renders the output image on the basis of the rendering attributes of the objects comprising the output image.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said selection means selects the image from the output images in the first size held by said holding means.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said rendering means renders the output image generated by said generation means on a display screen of a display device.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising output means for outputting rendering information of said rendering means to an output device which permanently visually displays the rendering information in units of pages.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said rendering means renders the output image generated by said generation means as print information to a printing apparatus.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the output image rendered by said rendering means is frame information of image information, and said apparatus further comprises:

designation means for designating fitting information to be fitted in the frame information; and

fitting means for fitting the fitting information designated by said designation means into a frame of the frame information.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein after fitting by said fitting means, a rendering size of the frame information of the image selected by said selection means is allowed to change, and when the rendering size of the frame information is changed after fitting, a fitting position of the fitting information is changed in correspondence with movement of the rendering position determined by said determination means to hold a fitting positional relationship with the frame information.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein when the fitting information designated by said designation means is image information, said fitting means does not change the fitting information irrespective of the change in size of the frame information of the image selected by said selection means, and renders an image in the fitting information, which corresponds to an interior of a frame of the frame information, as the fitting information in the frame.

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9. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein when the fitting information designated by said designation means is character information, said fitting means displays the character information within a frame of the frame information of the image selected by said selection means.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein when a size of the character information in a row direction falls outside the frame, said fitting means fits the character information by automatically inserting a carriage return so as to make the character information fall within the frame.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a moving amount of a rendering position of the output image corresponding to the ratio of change in output position of the output image between the first and second sizes is compressed in the vicinity of an edge portion of an outputtable range so as to prevent the rendering position from falling outside the outputtable range of an output device upon movement of the rendering position determined by said determination means for the output image selected by said selection means.

12. to 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) An image processing method for an image processing apparatus ~~which comprises holding means for holding output images in a first size and output positions thereof, and holding output images in a second size and output~~

positions thereof, and is capable of variable magnification processing of output information, comprising:

the holding step of holding output images in a first size and output positions thereof, and holding output images in a second size and output positions thereof, wherein each of said output images is expressed by a plurality objects, and each of said objects is assigned rendering attributes corresponding to the size and the output positions,

the selection step of selecting a desired image from the output images held in by said holding step means, and designating an output size of the selected image;

the generation step of generating an output image corresponding to the output size on the basis of a ratio of change in output image between the first and second sizes held in by said holding step means of the image selected in the selection step;

the determination step of determining a rendering position of the output image corresponding to the output size on the basis of a ratio of change in output position between the first and second sizes held in by said holding step means of the image selected in the selection step; and

the rendering step of rendering the output image generated in the generation step at the rendering position determined in the determination step;

wherein said output image is comprised of more than one object, each object having a rendering attribute, and

wherein said rendering step renders the output image on the basis of the rendering attributes of the objects comprising the output image.

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16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the selection step includes the step of selecting the image from the output images in the first size held by said holding means.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the rendering step includes the step of rendering the output image generated in the generation step on a display screen of a display device.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, further comprising the output step of outputting rendering information in the rendering step to an output device which permanently visually displays the rendering information in units of pages.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the rendering step includes the step of rendering the output image generated in the generation step as print information to a printing apparatus.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the output image rendered in the rendering step is frame information of image information, and said method further comprises:

the designation step of designating fitting information to be fitted in the frame information; and

the fitting step of fitting the fitting information designated in the designation step into a frame of the frame information.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 20, wherein after fitting in the fitting step, a rendering size of the frame information of the image selected in the selection step is allowed to change, and when the rendering size of the frame information is changed after fitting, a fitting position of the fitting information is changed in correspondence with movement of the rendering position determined in the determination step to hold a fitting positional relationship with the frame information.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein when the fitting information designated in the designation step is image information, the fitting step includes the step of inhibiting the fitting information from changing irrespective of the change in size of the frame information of the image selected in the selection step, and rendering an image in the fitting information, which corresponds to an interior of a frame of the frame information, as the fitting information in the frame.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein when the fitting information designated in the designation step is character information, the fitting step includes the step of displaying the character information within a frame of the frame information of the image selected in the selection step.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 23, wherein when a size of the character information in a row direction falls outside the frame, the fitting step includes the step of fitting the character information by automatically inserting a carriage return so as to make the character information fall within the frame.

25. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein a moving amount of a rendering position of the output image corresponding to the ratio of change in output position of the output image between the first and second sizes is compressed in the vicinity of an edge portion of an outputtable range so as to prevent the rendering position from falling outside the outputtable range of an output device upon movement of the rendering position determined in the determination step for the output image selected in the selection step.

26. to 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A computer-readable memory which stores a program code of image processing for an image processing apparatus ~~which comprises holding means for holding output images in a first size and output positions thereof, and holding output images in a second size and output positions thereof, and is~~ capable of variable magnification processing of output information, comprising:

<u>a program code of the holding step of holding output images in a first size and output positions thereof, and holding output images in a second size and output positions thereof, wherein each of said output images is expressed by a plurality objects, and each of said objects is assigned rendering attributes corresponding to the size and the output positions;</u>

a program code of the selection step of selecting a desired image from the output images held <u>in</u> ~~by~~ said holding <u>step</u> ~~means~~, and designating an output size of the selected image;

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a program code of the generation step of generating an output image

corresponding to the output size on the basis of a ratio of change in output image between

the first and second sizes held in ~~by~~ said holding step ~~means~~ of the image selected in the

selection step;

a program code of the determination step of determining a rendering

position of the output image corresponding to the output size on the basis of a ratio of

change in output position between the first and second sizes held in ~~by~~ said holding step

~~means~~ of the image selected in the selection step; and

a program code of the rendering step of rendering the output image

generated in the generation step at the rendering position determined in the determination

step~~;~~

~~wherein said output image is comprised of more than one object, each~~

~~object having a rendering attribute, and~~

~~wherein said rendering step renders the output image on the basis of the~~

~~rendering attributes of the objects comprising the output image.~~